

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) An electronic response device other than a personal computer, the response device configured for to allow a user to interactively responding to programming respond, over a standard communication system, to programming received apart from the response device, the response device comprising:

a user input mechanism;

means for ~~controlling a~~ requiring the user's input of a program identifier code for a program ~~and a user identifier code~~;

means for providing a user identifier code, the means selected from the group consisting of having the identifier code associated with the response device and having the user input the user identifier code;

a central processing unit (CPU) for processing the program identifier code, the user identifier code, and response data ~~[[a]] the~~ user has entered into the user input mechanism;

a power source; and

a transmitter connected to the CPU.

2. (Previously presented) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:

the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;

the transmitter comprises a two-way paging device; and

the communication system comprises a two-way paging system.

3. (Previously presented) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:
- the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;
  - the transmitter is configured to send data bursts over standard telephone lines; and
  - the communication system comprises a plain old telephone system.
4. (Previously amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1 wherein:
- the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;
  - the transmitter is configured to call telephone numbers each of the telephone numbers having been associated with a response to the program; and
  - the communication system comprises a plain old telephone system.
5. (Previously amended) The electronic response device according to claim 1, wherein:
- the input mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a key pad and voice recognition apparatus;
  - the transmitter comprises a wireless internet protocol device; and
  - the communication system comprises an internet protocol system.
6. (Original) The electronic response device according to claim 5, wherein:
- the internet protocol system further communicates with a telecommunication system.
7. (Currently amended) The ~~electron~~ electronic response device according to claim 1, further comprising:

an indicator for indicating the connection status of the electronic response device to the communication system.

8 - 12. (Previously cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for receiving and processing responses to programming comprising:

providing means for identifying a program identifier code for a program;

providing means for identifying an audience member;

providing a user input device other than a personal computer;

having the audience member input the program identifier code into the user input device;

having the audience member input response data into the user input device;

transmitting the data over a standard communication system;

collecting and processing the data at a central location.

14. (Previously presented). The method of claim 13 which further includes:

sending the processed data to a presenter of the program for viewing.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14 which further includes:

having the presenter of the program respond to the audience member.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the program is selected from the group consisting of a radio broadcast, a television broadcast, an internet broadcast, a satellite communication, an audio tape, a video tape, and a live performance.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the standard communication system is selected from the group consisting of a two-way paging network, a one-way

paging network, and an internet protocol network.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 wherein the standard communication system utilizes telephone lines and equipment and the response data is transmitted by having the user input device call a pre-assigned telephone number associated with the input response data.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 13 which further includes having the audience member log in to a remote computer system before inputting data into the user input device.

20. (Currently amended) A system for receiving and processing responses to programming comprising:

providing a program identifier code for a program being presented;

providing a user input device other than a personal computer;

having an audience member input the program identifier code into the user input device;

having [[an]] the audience member input response data into the user input device;

transmitting the program identifier code and the response data associated with a user identifier over a standard communication system;

collecting and processing the program identifier and the response data;

routing the response data to a program presenter.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 which further includes:

having the presenter respond to the audience member.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the program is selected from the group consisting of a radio broadcast, a television broadcast, an internet broadcast, a satellite communication, an audio tape, a video tape, and a live performance.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the standard communication system is selected from the group consisting of a two-way paging network, a one-way paging network, and an internet protocol network.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the standard communication system utilizes telephone lines and equipment and the response data is transmitted by having the user input device call a pre-assigned telephone number associated with the input response data.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20 which further includes having the audience member log in to a remote computer system before inputting data into the user input device.